MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): That is a matter which rests entirely with the Central Prison. When they have accepted our quotation and asked us to purchase yarn for them, we have only to purchase it for them.

Sir, I request that the grant may be sanctioned.

The Demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

MEDICAL.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 19,500, for (i) travelling allowance of officers Rs. 2,000; (ii) grant to the Salvation Army's Leper Colony, Chemmanad—Rs. 2,500; (iii) Dieting charges for in-patients—Rs. 15,000.

The first demand is for travelling allowance of officers under "Superintendence", which has arisen under the following circumstances. Government allowed Rs. 2,500 in the last budget, of which Rs. 300 was for the travelling allowance of the establishment. In 1110 the travelling allowance bills to the extent of Rs. 1,245 were not cashed till 1111. Therefore this amount was paid from the budget allotment of 1111. During Chingam and Kanni of 1111, the Darbar Physician did not attend to his usual work of inspection. He had to go about for malaria supervision in certain taluks. The bills for these two months came to Rs. 470. Therefore, the money actually available for his touring work comes to Rs. 480. This sum is quite inadequate. Therefore, this supplementary demand is necessary.

Coming to the second demand, here again the supplementary demand is due to the fact that we could not definitely put into the budget estimate for 1111 the requirements under this head. The Salvation Army were promised by G. O. dated the 26th January 1933, that, if they established a Leper Colony in North Travancore, Government would allow them a consolidated grant of Rs. 4 As. 8 per adult and Rs. 2 As. 8 for every child per mensem. Now, Sir, this colony was opened in Vrischigam this year. Hence no budget provision was made in the budget estimate. The Salvation Army started the colony in Vrischigam with four adults until in Kumbhom they had 69 adults.

In Meenam there were 69 adults and 8 children;
in Medam 85 adults.
in Edavam 90 adults (expected)
in Mithunam 100 adults (expected).

The total amount of grant comes to Rs. 2,695 on this arbitrary calculation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What will be the expense per adult per mensem in the Government Leper Asylum?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I was trying to get that information for the House to-day. But the only information available to me is what is given in the Administration Report for 1109. In

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Government hospitals, including the hospitals for lepers and mental diseases, it comes to Re. 1-21 chs. 11 c. on an average for each individual.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is it per mensem or per day?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I apologise. The charge is the average per patient per year. It is arrived at on the basis of the total amount spent on dieting divided by the average number of patients. I am not able to give the cost per leper patient alone.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): What is the average number of days of a patient?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I am afraid that I cannot give that information. Since Government have promised to give this grant to the Salvation Army authorities, it has to be given.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Are the rates promised identical for all the hospitals?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the expenditure of the Government on the Government institution?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I am not able to get that information now. It will be lower, although slightly.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): When the Government considered the application of the Salvation Army for the grant, did they consider whether the expenditure per patient in the Government hospital was lower than what they were granting?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The Salvation Army asked for a grant and that was sanctioned by Government. That is the standard on which the Government had to go on. Other hospitals were being given the same grant. The grant to the Salvation Army also was fixed on that basis.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What is the number of lepers in the Chemmanad colony?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): In Kumbham it was 69.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If the expenditure per patient goes down, will not the Government reduce the grant, and if the expenditure goes up, is not the Mission entitled to ask for more grant?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) They are entitled to Rs. 4 as 8 per adult and Rs. 2 as. 8 per child, as per orders of Government now in force.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is anybody in Government who will go and see there are acually those lepers for whose benefit this is asked?

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MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : I have assured myself that it is being carried on in a satisfactory way. The South Travancore colony is being inspected by the Medical Officer at Thuckala who visits it once a week and verifies their returns.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the Leper Colony at Noornad is full ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The patients are at the moment housed in temporary sheds, and these are full.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : What is the provision at the Noornad colony ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The provision in the new building is for 500 patients.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : What is the number now existing ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : 280 in the temporary sheds.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Does the member expect a large number of vacancies ? (*Laughter*).

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : We are perfectly sure that, if all the lepers in Travancore came to Noornad, the accommodation will be quite insufficient.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : A question has been put whether Government has given an undertaking that they would give Rs. 4 as. 8 for every adult and Rs. 2 as. 8 for every child irrespective of the expenditure as compared with other hospitals ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The Government Order dated the 26th January 1933 states that Government will give Rs. 4 as. 8 per adult and Rs. 2 as. 8 for every child of 12 years and under.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Was not, that undertaking binding only if they started the Leper Colony in 1934 ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The statement holds good only after the Leper Colony is opened.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഡർബാർഫിസിഷൻ അല്ലാതെ പരിശോധന നടത്തുന്നതു് സാധാരണ എത്രസമയം കൊണ്ടാണു് ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : It varies.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : കഴിഞ്ഞവർഷത്തിൽ മല്ലപ്പള്ളി ഡിസ്പെൻസറി ഡർബാർഫിസിഷൻ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That question does not arise.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know the kind of officers for whom the first item of travelling allowance is intended for ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : The Darbar Physician and his staff.

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The third part of the demand is for dieting charges of the in-patients in the various medical institutions of the State. The amount already provided in the budget for this item is quite insufficient for the current year owing to the steady increase in the number of in-patients in almost all the premier Government medicial institutions in the State. The following figures will elucidate the above statement regarding the increase of in-patient attendance.

Name of institution.	*In-patient attendance.*			
	1107	*1108*	*1109*	*1110*
1. General Hospital ...	5,456	6,109	5,714	11,888
2. Women & Children's Hospital, Trivandrum ..	6,184	6,947	7,542	9,393
3. Victoria Hospital, Quilon ...	3,186	3,644	3,607	4,791

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has the Darbar Physician got figures for the first 8 months of 1111 ?

MR JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) No.

Figures for the District Hospitals of Quilon, Kottayam and Alleppey are also on the increase. The budgetted amount under this item is Rs. 85, 000. To meet the increased expenditure incidental to the rise in the number of in-patients, this amount of Rs. 15,000 is very necessary. I request the House to pass the demand.

The demand was then put to vote and carried The grant was made.

SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 3, 150 under "Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments". This item consists of two parts. The first is for the purchase of furniture for the office of the Government Photographer and Mechanic, Rs. 150 ; and the second is for the purchase of some pictures for the Sri Chitralayam, Rs. 3,000.

The first item is a small one intended to meet the cost of a few almirahs which were transferred to the office of the Photographer from the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts. When the publications of that office were transferred to the selling department of the Government Press, a number of almirahs became available and they were distributed to various departments according to their requirements. The Government Photographer wanted a couple of almirahs urgently and they were supplied accordingly. He had no provision in the budget for making the necessary book adjustments and hence the necessity for an additional grant. This amount, if granted, will be a debit to the office of the Photographer and a credit to the office of the Curator for the Publication of Oriental Manuscripts.

The second item of Rs. 3,000 is intended for the purchase of some rare pictures for the Sri Chitralayam. I need not tell the House anything about the Sri Chitralayam, the beautiful Picture Gallery that was

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